

AGRICULTURAL CLUB TALK FARM AND MEAT

Experiment Farm Work and Crops are Discussed by Supt. Breithaupt, Donald Hotchkiss Talks of Fertilizers, Dr. Hibbard, Wm. Hanley and H. J. Hansen Also on the Program

A very profitable meeting of the Agricultural Club was held at the high school building last Tuesday evening and some subjects of considerable importance to farmers were discussed.

Supt. Breithaupt of the Experiment Farm discussed the work at the farm, describing the character of soil, method of conserving the moisture, reasons for the selection of that particular place for the farm and what was being done in the way of crops this season. The moisture has been made to meet on portions of the place and this will be seeded to permanent and profitable crops this season. He has seeded about 100 acres to alfalfa for seed purposes and Mr. Breithaupt is confident of its success. A considerable area has been seeded to field peas for the same purpose while another portion is seeded to the same crop for hogs. The peas of different variety and will demonstrate the best adapted to this section.

Mr. Breithaupt answered several questions asked by visitors and information of more or less importance was brought out this way.

Donald Hotchkiss gave a talk on farm manures that showed a careful study of the subject and gave some good pointers on the best method of handling manures to an advantage. It is encouraging to find the high school boys taking an interest in farm work and getting practical knowledge of it. Donald was followed by Dr. Hibbard in a general discussion of application and value of farm manures. Dr. Hibbard gave his personal experience in placing fresh stable manure on some land that had been run together after a fire and become crusted to such

an extent that young plants could not penetrate it, thus not producing. By spreading a thin layer of stable manure over these spots he found it most beneficial and the spots have since yielded well without any further application. This should be of great benefit to the farmers who have similar lands.

Wm. Hanley discussed the meat question and from his wide experience and practical knowledge of the business his talk was certainly to the point and convincing. Mr. Hanley made the assertion that the Creator made this a stock country, climatic conditions and the very bigness of the country bear out his assertion. He states that the same steer raised in this section is from 150 to 200 lbs. bigger than in the Willamette Valley or coast sections as everything was to the advantage of the stock business here in a higher altitude. The very nature of things was to the advantage of stock in this country and it is a certainty that with transportation we are going to be the biggest stock producing section in the entire West and we are going to turn off a better product than the lower altitude beef in quality as well as bigness. The resistance from climatic conditions are necessary to real good meat.

Mr. Hanley went further in the subject by discussing the curing of meats and showed the advantage of this climate to proper curing. The method of the factories where the most rapid process is in practice with liquid smoke and "hurry up" conditions is not to the benefit of cured meats, therefore the home cured meats are much superior and of better lasting and nutritious quality.

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H. J. Hansen who has also had wide experience in meat business. He bore out Mr. Hanley's statements and enlarged upon them by calling attention to the better and more humane manner of raising stock. Mr. Hansen stated that more money and better quality of meat could be secured by taking proper care of the animal from birth and turning it off at a younger age. He discourages the method of starving stock and half caring for the young, but have plenty of feed, pasture and take particular care in weaning the young so as not to stop the growth. By thus caring for stock Mr. Hansen asserted the stock man would make as much in one year as he now does in three under present ways of handling.

Mr. Hansen gave an illustration of this that is of recent date. Last fall R. J. Williams of Silver Creek was in Burns and talked to the mill people of disposing of considerable grain which he had on hand. Upon learning the price offered and discussing the matter with Mr. Hansen he decided he could do better by feeding it to his hogs. He pastured the animals considerable but finally got them up and finished them on grain, fattening them quite rapidly and brought in 15 head this week that were seven months old, the hogs averaging 225 lbs. Mr. Williams stated these hogs brought him as much money as he had ordinarily been getting for animals eighteen months old.

The high school boys' glee club rendered a selection during the evening that was much appreciated by those present and it was altogether a very profitable meeting. The agricultural club is going to play an important part in the development of this country and there should be more of them.

Several visitors from other parts of the county were present and took a lively interest in the discussions and some of them expressed appreciation of the work being done by the Experiment Farm and will take advantage of the suggestions of all, as well as co-operate with any movement that tends to better farming conditions throughout the entire country.

Portland Stock Market.

The following is the market report from the North Portland Stock yards for last week:

Receipts for the week have been: Cattle 1130; Calves 184; Hogs 2570; Sheep 3612; Horses 3. Good trade in steers. Several loads selling at \$8.20 with bulk from \$7.75 to \$8.00. Heavy beefs scarce with quality good and better outlet.

Hogs took an upward turn the early part of the week and prices went back up to the nine dollar mark. Cooler weather smaller receipts and depleted packing house pork products the cause of the reaction.

Better tone to sheep house trade, a few more receipts, a bunch of fancy ewes were largely bought up: \$6.25 "off the cars" Lambs 7.25 and 7.00 "off cars". Demand for mutton exceeding supply.

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BLACKFEET INDIANS FROM GLACIER NATIONAL PARK INVADE NEW YORK.



Glacier National Park over-shadowed everything in the New York Travel and Vacation Show, which was held in the Grand Central Palace March 20th to 29th. The uniqueness of the Great Northern Railway's exhibit of Uncle Sam's new play-ground was a marvel to New York decorative artists. The ten Blackfoot

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Sportmen to Organize Throughout The State

Special effort is being made by State Game Warden, William L. Finley, to organize the sportsmen in every community throughout the State. In many places, organizations have been formed and good results have been secured.

"In order to carry out the work that has been outlined by the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners, and to have our fields and forests abound in game and our streams stocked with fish, it is very necessary that we have the active assistance of sportsmen in different parts of the State" says Mr. Finley.

"The object of these sportsmen's clubs is to assist the Commission in planting trout and other game fish in the various creeks and rivers, and to release different varieties of game birds which are now being raised at the State Game Farm in places where they will thrive and do well. We intend to do this distributing of and fish game birds through the sportsmen's organization."

The new fish-distributing car, "Rainbow" has been built at a cost of \$7,000. This car is specially equipped with a large number of cans and an air-pump and necessary apparatus so that trout fry can be taken from the hatcheries and delivered in any part of the State where the railroad runs. From these railroad points the sportsmen are to take the fish in wagons, automobiles or other conveyances to the streams to be stocked.

The various railroads in the State have offered free transportation for the fish-distributing car, which is a considerable saving to the game protection fund. Mr. T. J. Craig, who has fish distribution in charge, will begin taking out trout from Central Hatchery at Bonneville, the latter part of next month. Applications for trout or game birds should be made immediately through the sportsmen's organization in each community.

Another object of having the sportsmen organized is to secure a better sentiment in certain localities in favor of game protection. It is impossible to secure the enforcement of game laws unless the citizens of any locality are in favor of such enforcement.

It is planned to have at least one or several such organizations

in every county in the State. A general convention of sportsmen is to be held next October or November, at which time delegates will assemble from all over the State. An active campaign will be begun to make Oregon one of the greatest hunting and fishing grounds in the country. It is contended that this will be an attractive advertisement and a drawing card for a desirable class of tourists who have money to spend and money to invest. Game protection and game propagation is a business proposition, not only for the man who lives in the city, but for the farmer, the fruit grower and the timberman.

Show People How to Use Their College

The establishment of a Visitors' Day at the Oregon Agricultural College will next year be one feature of the organized effort of the institution to suit the college to the needs of the people.

Tentative plans for such an event were under way for this month, but were abandoned because of the number of excursions planned by various groups for the agricultural college and the state university.

The object of the Visitors' Day will be, primarily, to teach the people of the state how to use the institution, which is essentially their college, established and conducted to serve them.

During the day the guests will have an opportunity not only to see the regular class and laboratory work of the students in training to become efficient farmers, orchardists, stockmen, engineers, and public servants of various kinds but will be shown the laboratories in which the samples of seeds and soils they send in are tested, where bacteria cultures are made for inoculating their fields, and where road making materials are tested to prove their usefulness.

They will see the experimental plots where new, improved varieties of grains and forage plants are being developed, and the orchards where fruit problems are solved. They will be told just where to send for information advice or aid in the multitude of difficulties which may arise in taming virgin soil and making it yield its best crops.

The various features of student life will also be shown, including the military drill, the work of the band and other musical organizations, and the dormitory arrangements.

When they leave they will have a much clearer conception as to what they, as taxpayers, may get from the college, and the return that is being made to the state from the expenditure there.

ASKS SETTLERS ABOUT U. S. LAND LAWS

Oregon Conservation Commission is Attempting to Get at Cause of Dissatisfaction and Complaint. Asks the Settlers to Write Criticisms Giving Their Side of the Controversy

What is the settlers' side of the controversy which has arisen over the settlement of government lands?

The Oregon Conservation commission would like to know. Charges have been made that settlement on agricultural lands within the forest reserve is discouraged, that hardships and sometimes worked on settlers in the matter of locating mining claims, grazing, cutting timber sales of timber and so on down a long list.

In an open letter to the newspapers of Oregon and Washington, Joseph N. Teal, chairman of the conservation commission, invites a resital of actual experiences, and will welcome direct information from any source. The letter follows:

"Considerable dissatisfaction and complaint has been voiced in the public press from time to time with reference to the settlement of public lands under the three year homestead law of 1912, and with reference to the administrative policy of the forest service. These criticisms have been directed at both the existing law and its interpretation by the department of the interior and charging that the lands included in the national forest, which should be accessible, but not now opened to entry; that settlement is discouraged on lands open to settlement within the national forests; that regulations relating to sales of timber, locating and working mining claims, grazing, cutting timber, etc., are unreasonable and impracticable.

"In view of these complaints, the Oregon Conservation commission, with the purpose of endeavoring to modify these evils, if such exist, proposes to make as thorough an investigation as possible of the actual difficulties with which the settler must now contend before obtaining his

patent. Whatever problems arise in connection with the use and operation of the lands within the forest reserves, in the process of settling lands under the existing law and conditions, whether of establishing residence, cultivation of the required acre, compliance with rules of the land office, necessity of cutting roads, distance and difficulty of market, scarcity of water, want of land classification, obtaining an official survey or permits of absence in which to obtain funds, or of whatever nature, the commission is desirous of obtaining all direct information available concerning such complaints. It, therefore, earnestly requests that any one knowing the facts concerning these problems or desiring to make suggestions or to ask any questions should report their complaints relative to the same freely and fully by letter addressed to Kingman Brewster, assistant secretary, Oregon Conservation commission, 402-408. Failing building, Portland, Or. All such communications will be given immediate and considerate attention by this commission.

"It is earnestly hoped that not only the other papers of this state (and especially those in localities in which public lands are reclaimed) but also those of the state of Washington, will extend this request to the public through their columns.

Joseph N. Teal,
Chairman Oregon Conservation Commission."

J. A. Williams, the prominent Ontario business man, who was taken ill while in Walla Walla, where he went to dispose of a carload of mules, arrived home yesterday. Mr. Williams is much improved but is not entirely well yet.—Ontario Democrat.

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